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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: *Ex Parte* Notification  
CS Docket No. 98-120 ✓  
CS Docket No. 00-96  
CS Docket No. 00-2

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is an *ex parte* notification filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.

On January 8, 2004, Deborah McDermott, Chair, and Robert Hubbard and George DeVault, members, of the ABC Television Affiliates Association, and the undersigned met, in separate meetings, with Commissioner Michael Copps and his Legal Advisor, Jordan Goldstein; Commissioner Kevin Martin and his Legal Advisor, Catherine Bohigian; and Commissioner Katherine Abernathy and her Legal Advisor, Stacy Robinson Fuller.

The purpose of the meetings was to urge the Commissioners to support "must carry" for broadcast digital multicasting. The broadcasters explained the difficulty they had encountered in negotiations with various cable companies (except for Time Warner Cable) in securing carriage of their digital multicast signals.

An original and eight copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary with additional copies delivered to each person who participated in the meetings.

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If any questions should arise during the course of your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wade H. Hargrove', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wade H. Hargrove

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cc Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
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